

CHINA NEW DEMOCRATIC YOUTH LEAGUE

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The following announcement was made by Peking Radio on September 18, 1955:

Peking-- The Second Central Committee of the China New Democratic Youth League held its 3rd plenary session today. One hundred nine members and alternate members of the Central Committee were present at the session. Eighteen members were absent.

The Central Standing Committee of the League proposed at the meeting to convene the 3rd congress and change the Youth League's name to the China Communist Youth League. The Standing Committee's proposals were warmly received by the members attending the session. Following a discussion, the session unanimously approved a resolution concerning the proposal to convene its 3rd congress and the proposal to change its name to the China Communist Youth League.

The resolution states:

1--Since the 2nd congress of the Youth League convened in June, 1953, Youth League organizations throughout the country have followed the direction of the CCP and Chairman Mao toward better health, better learning, and better work; supported all the Youth League members; and united the broad masses of youths in taking an active part in the great struggle for Socialist transformation. The political enthusiasm of the youths throughout the country has reached a new height and the organization of the Youth League has also been consolidated and strengthened a step further. The broad masses of youths are showing some courageous and striking forces in the construction and defense of the Fatherland.

In order to further strengthen the ideological and organizational construction of the Youth League and more effectively organize all the youth throughout the Nation in the struggle to fulfill the various assignments for Socialist transformation, the 3rd plenary session of the Second Central Committee of the Youth League has decided to convene the 3rd congress of the China New Democratic Youth League in Peking during the 2nd half of 1956.

2--In view of the conclusion of the new democratic revolutionary period of our country, all the people in the Nation, under the guidance of the Party, have entered the new period of great Socialist revolution.

The general tasks specified by the Party and the State for Socialist construction and reform have provided new requirements and assignments for the Youth League. As a result, the name, the China New Democratic Youth League, does not accurately indicate the nature and tasks of the Youth League. The broad masses of the League members and youths, owing to the heightening of their Socialist consciousness, eagerly desire a change in the name of the League. For this reason, the 3rd plenary session of the Second Central Committee of the Youth League proposed to change, at the 3rd congress, the China New Democratic Youth League to the China Communist Youth League and direct the Standing Committee to form a special committee in charge of revising the constitution of the League.

The draft of the revised constitution must be published during the first half of 1956 and be submitted to the 3rd congress for adoption following a general discussion throughout the League.

3--The agenda of the 3rd congress will be: (A) Listen to and discuss the work report of the Second Central Committee of the Youth League; (B) Discuss and adopt the new constitution of the League; and (C) Elect members of the Central Committee.

The plenary session held that the changing of the League's name is a great event in the political life of all the people and youth throughout the country. The session urged Youth League organizations and members throughout the Nation to earnestly discuss this resolution, increase their political consciousness, study diligently, work hard, and shoulder the responsibilities of Socialist construction with greater self-determination.

The session also discussed and approved the report to be delivered by Hu Yao-pang, Secretary of the Secretariat of the China New Democratic Youth League, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Youth League at the forthcoming National conference of active young builders of Socialism, entitled "The Fighting Tasks of Chinese Youth for the Five Year Plan."